

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thoma et al.

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For: DETERMINATION OF AN OPTICAL PARAMETER OF AN
OPTICAL SIGNAL

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Examiner: Hoa Q. Pham

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Docket No.: US 20 01 0465
Customer No. 27623

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting the present document in response to an Office Action dated 19 JUN 2003 (hereinafter "the Office Action").

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 are pending in the present application.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner indicated claims 13 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicants believe that all of the claims are currently in condition for allowance and, therefore, placing the aforementioned claims into independent form does not appear to be necessary.